

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Services
AGENDA DATE: August 23, 2011 - Introduction
August 30, 2011 - Public Hearing
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Ellen A. Smyth, P.E., (915) 621-6719
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance to move the Animal Services function from the Department of Public Health to the Environmental Services Department by Amending Title 9 (Health and Safety), Chapter 9.02 (Department of Public Health), Section 9.02.010 (Creation and Purpose of the Department of Public Health); and Chapter 9.04 (Solid Waste Management), Section 9.04.010 (Creation and Purpose of the Department)

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The proposed amendment to Title 9 is the transfers of all Animal Control functions to the Department of Environmental Services.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

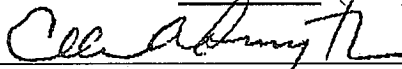
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*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) Josette Flores

FINANCE: (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____



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Information copy to appropriate Deputy City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA: _____

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO MOVE THE ANIMAL SERVICES FUNCTION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT BY AMENDING TITLE 9 (HEALTH AND SAFETY), CHAPTER 9.02 (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH), SECTION 9.02.010 (CREATION AND PURPOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH); AND CHAPTER 9.04 (SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT), SECTION 9.04.010 (CREATION AND PURPOSE OF DEPARTMENT).

WHEREAS, the City desires to move the Animal Services functions from the Department of Public Health to the Environmental Services Department so as to better provide the appropriate services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS:

Section 1. That Section 9.02.010 (Creation and Purpose of the Department of Public Health) be amended to read as follows:

Section 9.02.010. Creation and Purpose of the Department of Public Health.

a. There is hereby established the Department of Public Health in the City of El Paso, which shall generally provide for the protection of the public health of the residents of the City and within other areas in the County in which the employees working in the department are authorized to act.

b. The primary function of the department shall be the performance of public health functions, including the provision of health related regulatory services, by providing appropriate services, to include services for the payment of fees; the issuance and revocation of licenses and permits; ordinance, statutory and other regulatory enforcement; including inspections of premises and equipment; and to generally perform duties and services relating to areas of public health concerns as to be determined by the city manager.

Section 2. That Section 9.04.010 (Creation and Purpose of Department) be amended to read as follows:

Section 9.04.010. Creation and purpose of department.

The city is responsible for public health, cleanliness and sanitation in El Paso. The purpose of this chapter is to provide for protection of the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the city by prescribing minimum standards for the generation, storage, collection, transportation and disposal of solid waste and related matter, by providing for the issuance of permits to persons engaging in those activities, by providing for the payment of fees, and by providing for enforcement techniques, including inspections of premises and equipment, the revocation of permits and the issuance of citations. The department of environmental services was created to carry out this purpose as well as to oversee and perform duties and services relating to areas of environmental concerns, including ordinance, statutory and other regulatory enforcement by the director and his designees and by the employees in the code enforcement division of the department, who shall also have enforcement authority as authorized and provided in this Code; and to generally perform duties and services relating to areas of public health, animal related regulatory services, cleanliness and sanitation concerns as to be determined by the city manager. In partial furtherance of the purpose discussed herein, curbside recycling reduces the amount of refuse sent to landfills.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect on September 1, 2011.

Section 4. Except as herein provided, Title 9 (Health and Safety) shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED this 30th day of August 2011.

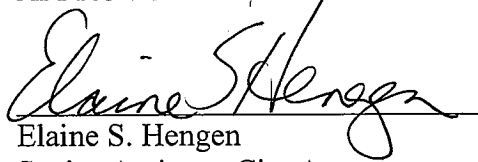
THE CITY OF EL PASO

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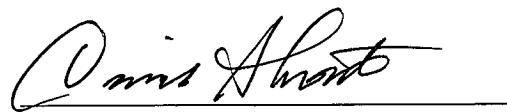
John F. Cook, Mayor

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Elaine S. Hengen
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:


David R. Almonte
Deputy City Manager